

An Important Announcement from the SC Partnership of Disability Organizations!

**Join us at the 20th Annual
Disability Advocacy Day
at the State House starting in the Blatt Building
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 4, 2009**

YOU can help the Governor and members of the SC General Assembly understand the unique needs of citizens with severe, lifelong disabilities in South Carolina. Our goal in 2009 is to restore and maintain essential “MUST HAVE” services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Let your voice be heard by attending Disability Advocacy Day

What you need to do now:

- **Call, write or visit** your state Representative and Senator in your district and inform them that you will be attending Disability Advocacy Day at the State House on March 4, 2009.
- **Make an appointment** for a short visit with your legislators to discuss the top priorities listed in this brochure.
 - a. If at all possible, in their office at some time during Disability Advocacy Day.
 - b. Or in your home town, during the months of January, February, or March.

If you do not know your legislators' names, call the voter registration office in your county for this information. Legislators' telephone numbers are available by calling 1-800-922-1539.

TELL YOUR PERSONAL STORY

Write your personal story to leave with your state Representative and Senator.

Your personal story is important and needs to be told to your legislators. They want to hear from you and will listen, because you are their constituent.

Personal stories put a real face and voice on how important services are to you and your family member.

You also can include a photo of the person who needs or receives services. Please keep stories short and to the point.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY DAY

Register at the Blatt Building Lobby - 1st Floor
Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

PARKING INFORMATION

130 meters will be bagged for free parking. Locations are shown on the map with dotted (. . .) lines.

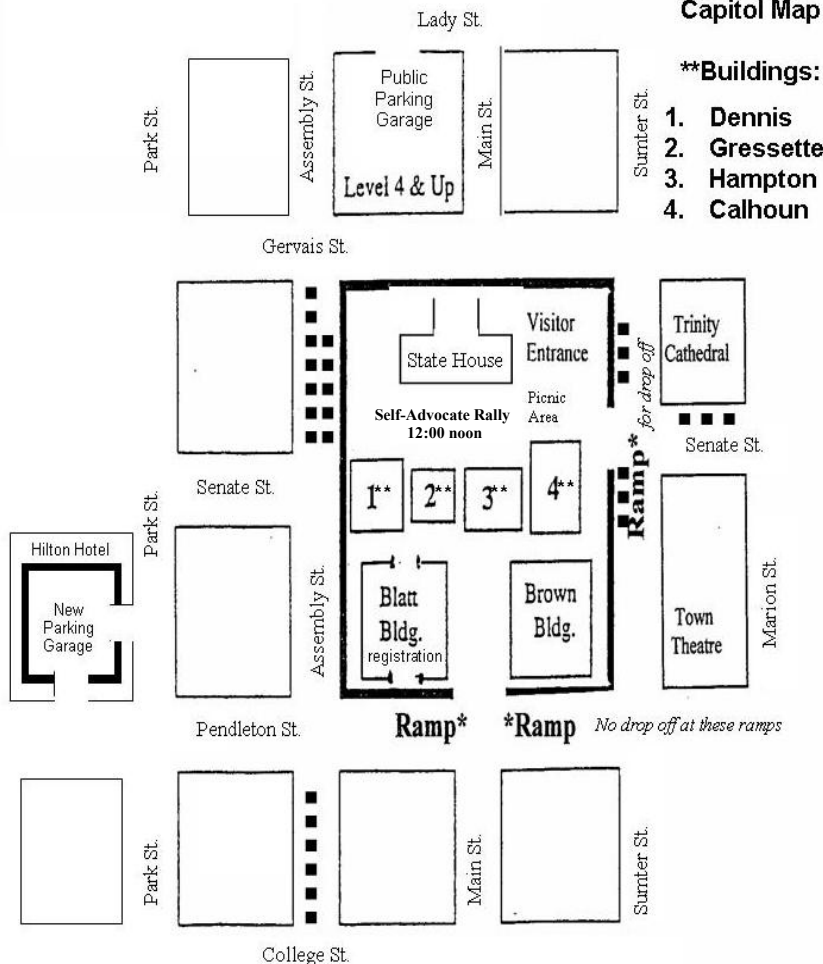
Passes are not required for bagged meters. But they are available in the Blatt Building or from traffic guides on the streets around the State House Complex.*

A new parking garage is on the corner of Pendleton and Park Sts. *Park free in this garage and the Lady St. garage all day IF a special pass is on dashboard. Without a pass you must pay parking fees.* Passes are also available at both garage entrances.* (8 ft. clearance)

To get passes **before March 4, contact service providers and Disability Advocacy Day co-sponsors. Passes can be emailed.*

VISITOR PARKING AND DROP-OFF ARE NOT PERMITTED in the Capitol Complex underground parking garage. **VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER FOR ANY REASON.**

Capitol Map



HANDICAP ACCESS
See **SIDEWALK RAMPS**
marked on MAP with *
Ramps are on Sumter St. and
Pendleton St.

Guides will be stationed
at the three Sumter
Street ramps(*) to
assist with unloading.